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SUBJECT: CORN OIL RESIDUES

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1. SUMMARY: WE CALLED ON EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO CONVEY U. S.
VIEWS AS PER REFTEL. COMMISSION OFFICIALS NOTED OUR EXPLANATIONS,
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BUT EXPLAINED TO US THE REASONS FOR WHICH THEY DEEM A NEW CHANGE IN THE TARIFF NOMENCLATURE FOR CORN OIL RESIDUES NECESSARY. THE EC TARIFF NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE SUBJECT IN THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 14. END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION OFFICERS CALLED ON JANSSENS AND KAISER (EC COMMISSION' S TARIFF DIVISION) TO INFORM THE COMMISSION OF THE U. S. VIEW THAT A CHANGE IN THE CURRENT TARIFF SPECIFICATION FOR CORN OIL RESIDUES DOES NOT SEEM TO BE JUSTIFIED.

3. THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS GAVE US A LENGTHY TECHNICAL EXPLANATION OF WHY THEY BELIEVE THAT CORN OIL RESIDUES OBTAINED BY THE EXPELLER PROCESS SHOULD NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF STARCH. THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS CITED LEARNED GERMAN AUTHORS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OPINION THAT THE STARCH CONTENT OF CORN OIL RESIDUES CANNOT EXCEED 40 PERCENT IF THE EXPELLER METHOD IS USED. THEY IMPLIED THAT IF IN ACTUAL PRACTICE THE STARCH CONTENT OF CORN OIL RESIDUES OBTAINED BY THE EXPELLER PROCESS EXCEEDS THIS PERCENTAGE, IT MUST BE PRESUMED THAT SUBSTANCES ARE ADDED TO THE RESIDUES WHICH DO NOT RESULT FROM CORN OIL PROCESSING PROPER. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF THIS PRESUMPTION WERE NOT TRUE, IT COULD BE SURMISED THAT U. S. PROCESSORS OF CORN OIL RESIDUES USE EXPELLER PROCEDURES YIELDING A HIGHER STARCH CONTENT THAN NECESSARY UNDER A DIFFERENT EXPELLER METHOD. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY STRESSED THAT THE TARIFF POSITION (CXT NO.24.04) DOES NOT APPLY TO QUOTE PROCESSING METHODS TO OBTAIN RESIDUES UNQUOTE BUT RATHER TO PROCESSING METHODS TO EXTRACT OIL. ONLY THE RESIDUES OF THE LATTER METHOD FALL UNDER THE CXT NO.24.04 WE SUGGESTED THAT JANSSENS OR OTHER EC OFFICIALS MIGHT USEFULLY VISIT THE U. S. TO STUDY THIS QUESTION. (WE AVOIDED IMPLYING THAT USG WOULD FINANCE THE TRIP.) JANSSENS SEEMED MODERATELY INTERESTED IN THE SUGGESTION.

4. WE RESTATED THE U. S. VIEW THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE FOR OUR CORN OIL PROCESSORS USING THE EXPELLER METHOD TO MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS ENVISAGED BY THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND THAT ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS WOULD BE VIEWED AS DISCRIMINATORY.

5. THE EC TARIFF NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 14. THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS PROMISED TO INFORM US OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS DISCUSSION. GREENWALD
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